

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1- 55 remain pending in the application. Claims 17 and 48 have been amended.

Claims 49-55 have been added. No claims have been cancelled. No new subject matter has been added.

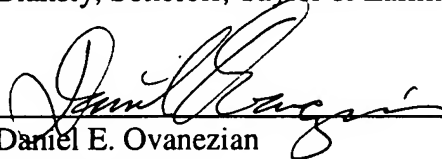
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Daniel E. Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the following amendments to the claims, additions are indicated by “__” and deletions are indicated within “ [].”

17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the switch circuit comprises at least one multiplexer.

48. (Amended) The [apparatus] article of claim 46, wherein the translation circuitry further comprises:

a storage element to store the translation information; and
a decode circuitry coupled to the storage element to decode the translation information
and to establish a switch circuit connection between the first position and the position in the comparand.

Claim 49-55 have been added.